

CAN I GET AN AERIAL VIEW OF MY PROPERTY?

Yes you can! You can log on to:

www.LOJIC.org

Click on "Interactive Maps" and then click on "LOJIC Online Map"

Type in your street address, and your property aerial image will appear!

CAN I GET MY DEED WITHOUT GOING TO THE COUNTY CLERK?

Possibly. The County Clerk has records online for the past thirty years. Anything prior and you have to go to the courthouse. But you can still check before you go! Log on to:

www.landrecords.jcc.ky.gov

Then choose "party name" to run a search by your name. Or, if you know your deed book and page number, you can put that in.

WHAT ABOUT OTHER SERVICES WITHIN METRO GOVERNMENT?

There are numerous departments in Metro Government, most of which could be found online. Looking for your council representative? Need help on finding a Metro ordinance? Locate your nearest park? Just go to:

www.louisvilleky.gov

Look for the box marked "Search" and type in what you are looking for.



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How Does the Acquisitions and Right-of-Way Process Work?

RIGHT OF WAY



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Q: What exactly is Right-of-Way?

A: Right-of-Way is the part of land used for roadway, bridges, or utilities. This land is acquired in fee, which means it must be owned by a government.

Q: What is an easement?

A: An easement allows using a portion of your property for a specific purpose that you will continue to own.

Q: If I grant an easement, may I continue using the property like before?

A: Usually nothing is allowed in the easement. This protects whatever the easement is being used for. However, there may be exceptions, so ask the agency needing or using the easement.

WHY DOES METRO NEED PROPERTY?

For a project to be built correctly, it may be necessary for Metro to acquire a right-of-way and/or easement from the land owner. Metro cannot build a project on private property if it has to be used for a public purpose.

CAN YOU BUILD IT SOMEWHERE ELSE?

During the project planning period, Metro reviews all possible alternatives, and selects the alignment that has the least objectionable impact and produces the maximum results. Most people believe Metro chooses a certain route just to save money, but this is not always the case.

I OWN MY PROPERTY. IF METRO NEEDS SOME OF IT, WHAT'S NEXT?

If Metro determines that we need a portion (or all) of your property, there are steps we must follow before actually acquiring it. Metro follows a process similar to that of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet in regards to acquiring property.

STEP ONE: TITLE REPORT...Metro will order a title report to determine ownership, liens, interests such as mortgages, and tax standing. Property cannot be acquired or transferred without a clear title.

STEP TWO: AN ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT...the needed property must be free from contamination, spills, or hazards. NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) and SHPO (State Historic Preservation Office) must approve and/or clear all parcels before acquisitions may begin.

STEP THREE: A VALUATION REPORT...Metro will order an appraisal or a minor acquisition review to determine the value of the property being acquired. This is needed by the County PVA and Jefferson County Clerk's Office before any property can be transferred.

STEP FOUR: NEGOTIATIONS...Metro will contact land owners and do their best to resolve all issues and concerns that will occur. The acquisition may be purchased or a donation requested depending on the project. Only the land owner or P.O.A. can be involved.

STEP FIVE: CLOSINGS...If negotiations are successful, Metro will get the property owners to sign a document that conveys the acquisition (most times a deed), and then have it recorded at the Jefferson County Clerk.

STEP SIX: PROPERTY MANAGEMENT...Before construction can begin, the land being impacted must be free and clear of all personal property, fixtures, or items that would hinder the project.

WHAT IF NEGOTIATIONS ARE NOT SUCCESSFUL?

The acquisition of property can be a very trying ordeal for all persons involved. Metro will make every attempt to satisfy owners' concerns and issues that may arise during negotiations. If negotiations fail and an impasse is declared, Metro reserves the right to implement the use of eminent domain to continue moving the project forward, but only as a last resort.

DO I QUALIFY FOR RELOCATION?

Relocation is predetermined during the design process. All land owners or tenants who qualify for relocation are notified upfront. Metro follows guidelines established by the Federal Government, under the Uniform Relocation and Assistance Act of 1970 (As Amended). [49 CFR Part 24]

WHEN WILL THE PROJECT BEGIN AND END?

It varies. Every project is different, and every parcel of land is unique. It depends on the number of affected properties. As a general rule: the larger the project, the longer the construction timeline. Ask your Metro representative for an estimated timeline.

IF YOU ARE A RENTER/TENANT, OR IF YOU HAVE MORE QUESTIONS...

Contact our Right-of-Way Section at (502) 574-5810 or send an e-mail to MetroCall. We will respond as soon as we can! Renters/tenants do not have the same guidelines or benefits as land owners, so contact us for information.

Do you have your property deed? Do you know where your property lines are? If not, visit the Jefferson County Clerk at the Courthouse, 527 W. Jefferson Street, and get copies of your deed and/or property plat. KNOW YOUR PROPERTY LINES!